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SUBJECT: ISSUES RELATING TO PREPARATION OF DOCUMENT ON MEDIUM-
TERM OBJECTIVES FOR 1975-80 (ITEM 5.2)

REFS: (A) STATE 199126; (B) PARIS 26070; (C) STATE 172047

1. EXECUTIVE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

QUOTE: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. RECALLING RESOLUTION 17 C/34.1, PARAGRAPH (1) (B),

2. HAVING CONSIDERED WITH APPRECIATION THE DOCUMENT 93 EX/4
WHICH CONTAINED THE POINTS ON WHICH THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL WISHED
TO CONSULT THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE RESOLUTION,

3. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE QUESTION PRESENTED IN THAT
DOCUMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE COMMENTS ALREADY MADE BY SOME MEMBER
STATES, AND THE ANSWER TO THOSE QUESTIONS GIVEN BY BOARD MEMBERS
IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION,

4. NOTES THE FOLLOWING POINTS MADE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL
IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE BOARD ON THE ABOVE ITEM:

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(A) PERIOD COVERED BY 18 C/4

THE PERIOD TO BE COVERED BY 18 C/4 WILL BE 1977-1982 AS THIS DOCUMENT IS TO REFER TO THE PREPARATION OF 19 C/4;

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN 19 C/4 AND 19 C/5

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN 19 C/4 AND 19 C/5 WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION IN THE LIGHT OF THE OBSERVATIONS OF THE BOARD AND THE VIEWS OF MEMBER STATES;

(C) STARTING POINT OF THE EXERCISE, AND APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

THERE IS NO INCOMPATIBILITY BETWEEN INNOVATION AND CONTINUITY; IN PREPARING 18 C/4 ON THE BASIS OF THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 17 C/34.1 DUE ACCOUNT SHOULD THEREFORE BE TAKEN OF OTHER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS SUCH AS 16 C/9, 17 C/9, 17 C/10 AND RECOMMENDATION 17 C/7.11;

(D) MAJOR PROBLEMS

THE DIRECTIVE IN RESOLUTION 17 C/34.1, PARAGRAPH (II) (B) DOES NOT INVOLVE AN ANALYSIS OF ALL MAJOR WORLD PROBLEMS, BUT RATHER OF THOSE COMING WITHIN UNESCO'S PURVIEW AND RELEVANT TO ITS GOALS. EACH SUCH PROBLEM AREA SHOULD BE PRESENTED UNDER A SEPARATE HEADING, WITH A BRIEF AND GENERAL DESCRIPTION;

(E) SELECTION OF OBJECTIVES

IN RESPECT OF THE CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF THE OBJECTIVES, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL WILL BE GUIDED BY THE CONSTITUTION, THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, THE SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBER STATES, AND THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS CURRENT SESSION;

(F) STRUCTURE

DOCUMENT 18 C/4 WILL NOT REFLECT THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF THE SECRETARIAT, NOR THOSE OF THE CURRENT PROGRAMMES,
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AND THERE WILL BE NO DISTINCTION MADE BETWEEN INTER-SECTORAL, MULTI-SECTORAL AND SECTORAL PROGRAMMES;

(G) PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

MEDIUM-TERM OBJECTIVES WILL BE ILLUSTRATED BY A SELECTION OF ACTIVITIES LISTED AS EXAMPLES;

(H) OPTIONS

ALTERNATIVE CHOICES WILL BE OFFERED IN REGARD TO THESE ACTIVITIES;

(I) RESOURCES

THE INFORMATION REGARDING RESOURCES REQUESTED IN RESOLUTION 17 C/34.1 WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE FORM OF PERCENTAGES, AND INDICATIONS WILL BE FORMULATED WITHIN A PERSPECTIVE OF "REGULAR AND ADEQUATE GROWTH";

(J) EXTRA-BUDGETARY RESOURCES

INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN ON TRENDS OF EXTRA-BUDGETARY RESOURCES;

5. EXPRESSES ITS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE POINTS IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE.

6. AFFIRMS THAT THE ORGANIZATION'S FUTURE OBJECTIVES MUST BE DEFINED ON THE BASIS OF A FORMULATION OF THE MAJOR WORLD PROBLEMS WHICH ARE OF CONCERN TO UNESCO:

7. SUGGESTS THAT THE OBJECTIVES RELATING TO MAJOR PROBLEMS WITHIN UNESCO'S COMPETENCE SHOULD BE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF CRITERIA, WHICH, IN ADDITION TO THOSE SET OUT IN RESOLUTION 34.1, WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE:

(A) TO GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO PROBLEMS LIKELY TO BE AGGRAVATED WITH TIME, PARTICULARLY THOSE AFFECTING DEVELOPMENT;
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(B) TO BE SATISFIED THAT THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE IN A POSITION ACTUALLY TO ATTAIN THE OBJECTIVES SELECTED BY MAKING AT LEAST AN APPROXIMATE EVALUATION OF THE MEANS TO BE EMPLOYED AND OF THE RESULTS WHICH MAY BE EXPECTED;

8. INVITES THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO CONTINUE STUDYING THE QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE PRIORITIES THAT WILL HAVE TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE OBJECTIVES AND, IN PARTICULAR, THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES;

9. SUGGESTS THAT DOCUMENT 18 C/4 BE SET OUT AS FOLLOWS:

(1) INTRODUCTION;

(2) MAJOR WORLD PROBLEM AREAS RELEVANT TO UNESCO'S FIELD OF COMPETENCE;

(3) OBJECTIVES (LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES, MEDIUM-TERM OBJECTIVES AND SELECTED PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES, CITED AS EXAMPLES) PRESENTED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO LINK THEM WITH THE PROBLEMS TO WHICH THEY RELATE;

(4) A SYNOPTIC TABLE;

10. FURTHER INVITES THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO TAKE ACCOUNT NOT ONLY OF THE VIEWS OF MEMBER STATES RECEIVED UP TO JULY 1973 AND INCLUDED IN DOCUMENT 93 EX/4, AND OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD DURING THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM AT THE CURRENT SESSION, BUT ALSO OF THOSE OF MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER STATES RECEIVED UP TO OR SOON AFTER 30 SEPTEMBER 1973. ENDQUOTE.

2. IN GENERAL, PERMDEL SATISFIED DR PROVIDES USEFUL FRAMEWORK FOR MOVING TOWARD PROGRAMMING BY OBJECTIVES. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, UNANIMOUS ADOPTION OF DR INDICATES MATURE SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE AND RESPONSIBILITY AMONG MEMBERS EXBD AND SECRETARIAT. AIRGRAM GIVING FURTHER COMMENT FOLLOWS. IRWIN

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